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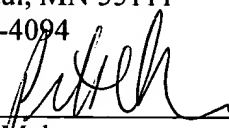
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Applications that claim priority to the related applications may be filed, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review those applications prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

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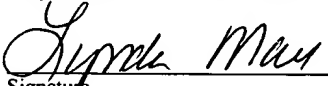
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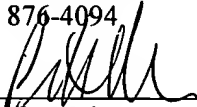
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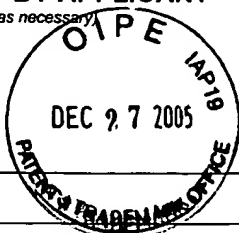
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